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**From:** Snyder, Raquel  
**Sent:** Fri 1/10/2014 9:42:58 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Request from Manchin on WV Spill

The EPA is closely monitoring the chemical spill in Charleston and is working closely with FEMA and other federal partners who are responding to the incident. The Agency has deployed on-scene coordinators to assist with water sampling and stands ready to offer additional assistance to the State of West Virginia, who is leading the response on the spill.

Many thanks,

Raquel Snyder

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**From:** Distefano, Nichole  
**Sent:** Friday, January 10, 2014 4:41 PM  
**To:** Snyder, Raquel; Levine, Carolyn  
**Cc:** Vaught, Laura  
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That is fair. Let me send this to her along with the newest press statement and I will explain lack of availability of our ppl.

Raquel can you reforward to me the press statement. I am sure I have it but it is buried in the morass of emails.

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I agree. I'm having a tough time reaching folks as I know they are slammed. I found some general info on our website:

EPA provides support when requested or when state and local first responder capabilities have been exceeded. Through coordinating and implementing a wide range of activities, EPA conducts removal actions to protect human health and the environment. This is done by either funding response actions directly or overseeing and enforcing actions conducted by potentially responsible parties.

In carrying out these responsibilities, EPA coordinates with other EPA programs (including the [Superfund remedial program](#)), other federal agencies, states, tribes, and local governments. This coordination is done through [On-Scene Coordinators](#) and [EPA's Special Teams](#).

Many thanks,

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**From:** Levine, Carolyn

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**To:** Distefano, Nichole; Snyder, Raquel

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**From:** Distefano, Nichole

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Carolyn and Raquel

Jan in Manchin's office asked if we could have someone at EPA walk her through possible options for EPA involvement if WVDEP requests assistance.

Can one of you reach out to OSWER to see if there is someone around who can provide her a general idea of our level of involvement in these situations?

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